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THE strikes are increasing daily, keeping thousands of men idle. Altogether, the outlook cannot be pleasant for manufacturers, railroad managers and others who require much help to carry on their business.

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY MAN-ning is sick and the latest dispatches say his condition is critical. Exhaustion from overwork is the cause of his illness. If he drops out, the President will lose the ablest of his political advisers.

THE REAL POINT.

Having no better resource, the Democrats are endeavoring to belittle the issue between the President and the Senate by asserting that it is of no practical importance and that the time spent in its discussion is virtually wasted. But as Mr. Edmunds demonstrated in his great speech at the opening of the present debate in the Senate, there is much more at stake than the incumbency of the offices; and the proper settlement of the principles which Mr. Edmunds and the other Republican Senators are striving to maintain may prevent very serious trouble in the future.

Our government was intended to be pre-eminently a government of law. The fathers of the constitution spent many anxious days in defining the powers and limitations of the three departments—Executive, Legislative and Judicial—into which they divided the government, and in establishing checks which should prevent the aggrandizement of power by any one department at the expense of the others. It is for the purpose of resisting an attempt of the President to over-ride the legislature that Mr. Edmunds and his colleagues are carrying on the present contest. This is the real point, and no amount of sophistry and special pleading should cause it to be lost sight of. The question is not the comparatively unimportant one of who shall hold the offices; but the very serious one of whether the President, in his acts in regard to the offices, shall obey the laws of the land, or be permitted to disregard them at his pleasure.

For nearly seventeen years a law, commonly called the tenure-of-office act, has been upon the statute book, whose paramount provision is that no civil officer of the United States of the class appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate (which comprises nearly all the important federal civil officers) shall be removable without the advice and consent of the Senate.

Mr. Edmunds and his Republican colleagues in resisting the efforts of the President to arbitrarily suspend the tenure-of-office law because its provisions do not please him, are simply following the example of the patriots of the Revolution, who refused to submit to the stamp-act although a small thing in itself, because it involved a great principle, whose establishment in favor of taxation would have been fatal to our liberties.

THE GOVERNORSHIP.

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